RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF

THE CORPS

OF

Light-Horse Volunteers

OF

LONDON AND WESTMINSTER;

Carefully extracted from

The Minutes of the General Meetings,

AND EARNESTLY RECOMMENDED BY

THE COMMITTEE

TO THE PERUSAL, ATTENTION, AND OBSERVANCE OF EVERY MEMBER.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS, &c. &c.

I.

THE Stipulations of Service, consistent with the Resolutions of the 8th and 22d of *May*, 1794, and with the Tenor of the Commissions granted to the Officers, lie at the ORDERLY-ROOM, No. 194, *Strand*, to be signed by every Volunteer.

II.

THE Corps is subject to be called on actual Service in case of Invasion or Insurrection; but only to do Duty in the

Metropolis, or within Ten Miles of it. When complete, it consists of Six Troops of Fifty Gentlemen each, all of whom are chosen by Ballot, and recommended to his Majesty; and it is commanded by Two Field Officers, Six Captains, Six Lieutenants, Six Cornets, and an Adjutant, chosen from the Privates.

III.

When on actual Service, the Officers take Rank in the Army according to the Date of their Commissions, and succeed to each other by Seniority, the same as in regular Regiments; but at all other Times they are chosen at a General Meeting; and a Private may be elected to any Rank in the Corps, in case of a Vacancy.

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THE Corps, when not on actual Service, is regulated in every respect by a Committee, consisting of the Field Officers, the Adjutant, the senior Officer present of each Troop, and Twelve Privates, chosen by Ballot at a General Meeting.—Four of these go out every Year, and are replaced by others in the same Manner.—A Committee, authorized to investigate the Conduct of any Volunteer, must not consist of less than One Field Officer, Three Captains, and Six Privates; and any Individual, who thinks himself personally aggrieved by the Decision of any such Committee, may appeal to a General Meeting, upon giving Notice to the Secretary, within One Month after the Receipt of his Sentence.

V.

All Vacancies in the Committee, happening by Death or otherwise, before the regular Period of Service expires, are filled up by themselves, by Ballot; and one black Ball excludes.—Those occasioned by any of them being chosen Officers at a General Meeting, are filled up at that General Meeting, by a Majority of Votes. The Committee meets once a Week, and oftener when necessary; and on special Occasions the whole are summoned.—Five make a Quorum; and one of these, at least, must be a Private.—Every new Member must be proposed by one L. H. V. and seconded by another.—His Name must be given in at one Committee, and he must be ballotted for at

at the next, or any following one; and it requires two black Balls to exclude.

VI.

EVERY Volunteer keeps, at his own Expence, a Horse, for the Service of the Corps, provides himself with Uniform, Accoutrements, &c. and pays Ten Guineas on his Admission, and the same Sum annually, towards the general Expences.

VII.

THE Horses must be bay, brown, chesnut, or black, and not under fifteen Hands high; Stallions are not admitted, and Mares only allowed till a convenient Opportunity offers of exchanging them.

EVERY Gentleman must send his Horse to one or other of the Stables of the Corps; *viz.*

HALL'S, *Hamilton-street, Hyde-park-corner*;
LIGHT-HORSE STABLES, *Gray's-inn-lane*;
DITTO, - - - - *Worship-street, Moorfields*:

Where he will be regularly broke, properly fed and taken care of by the Grooms of the Corps, and stand cheaper than at any Livery Stable.—But no Officer is allowed to keep more than two, nor any private more than one Horse at the above Stables, unless there are vacant Stalls, and then he is to have a Preference according to his Number in the Corps.—No Gentleman is charged for the keep of his Horse while he is not actually in the Stables.

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THE Committee have contracted for every Article of Clothes, Arms, and Accoutrements, on the lowest Terms; and as they stand engaged to pay the respective Tradesmen, every Volunteer, immediately after his Election, is required to pay £ into the Hands of Sir RICHARD CARR GLYN, *Treasurer* to the Corps, or to the *Secretary*; together with Ten Guineas for the Amount of that Year's Subscription to the general Expences: on Payment whereof, he receives his Arms and Accoutrements from the Secretary, and an Order on the respective Tradesmen for his Uniform, Saddlery, and Helmet.—White Leather Breeches, Gloves, and Regimental Boots, are to be provided

by every Gentleman from his own Tradesmen.

SPARE Jackets having been provided out of the Amount of the annual Subscriptions for the Years 1797 and 1798, every Gentleman who does not continue long enough in the Corps to pay for both, must, on withdrawing, pay the Price of this Jacket.

IX.

ALL Letters and Orders to be kept as secret as possible. Those sent on urgent Occasions will be marked L. H. V. on the Cover; and every Volunteer is desired to give Orders that they may be transmitted to him instantly, wherever he may happen to be. A Line, giving Notice of Absence, is requested

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to be sent to the *Secretary* by every Gentleman when he goes out of Town; and he is desired to signify his Return in the same Manner, that the Commanding Officer may at all Times know whom he can depend upon, if called into actual Service, and be able to make out correctly the Monthly Returns which he is obliged to send to the War-Office, and to the Adjutant-General.

X.

THE Light-Horse Volunteers, when under Arms or Muster, are subject to the Command of the Officers in the same Manner as on actual Service; and every Gentleman makes a Point of Honour to obey them implicitly.

XI.

On all Field Days, except otherwise ordered, the Light-Horse Volunteers must be in *full Regimentals*; and that means Jackets and Shells, Sword Belts, Cross Belts, and Pistol Belts, well whitened——White Wash-Leather Gloves—White Leather Breeches—Regimental Boots and Spurs—Black Leather Stocks and Turnovers—Turban and Feather of the Helmet quite clean—Horse Collar and Coat-Case well whitened—no Necessary or Nose-Bag—Hair well powdered and queued six Inches long and close to the Head Arms and Accoutrements well polished, and in good Order. The new Jackets are not to be worn unless specially

specially ordered.—When the Corps are ordered on Duty, they will be dressed and accoutred as above, with the Addition of their Chain-Bridoons, Necessary-Bags and Nose-Bags; and when the new Jackets are ordered, the Pistol-Belts are worn over the Sword and Cross-Belts.

XII.

It is recommended to every Gentleman to wear, as an undress Uniform, a Blue Coat, with a cut Black Velvet Collar and regimental Buttons: also to have, at the Stables where his Horse stands, a Black watering Cap, and White Flannel Jacket, to ride, or exercise in, at Drills, and save his Regimentals.

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THE Field and Drill Days are regulated by the Committee, and altered according to Seasons and Circumstances; but always adapted, as much as possible, to the general Convenience of Men of Business, and may be learned at No. 194, *Strand*, as well as at the respective Stables.

XIV.

GOOD Horsemanship is of all things most necessary to a Light-Horse Volunteer; without that, he loses every Advantage which his Situation naturally gives him. The Riding Masters of the Corps at *Gray's-inn-lane*, and *Worship-street*, teach Gentlemen every Day

Day (except Field and Drill Days), gratis; and the Officers, or such as wish for a Degree of Perfection beyond Dragoon-riding, are requested to apply at HALL's, *Hyde-Park Corner*, or COWLING's, in *Moorfields*, where they will receive the best Instructions in Manage-riding at 3*s*. 6*d*. per Lesson.

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THE New Sword Exercise being essentially necessary, and the Use of the Broad Sword and Fencing being very desirable Accomplishments to every Light-Horse Volunteer, are taught by the best Masters, who are paid out of the general Subscription.

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EVERY Volunteer belongs to the same Troop with the Person who proposed him, unless his Horse should not match in Colour, or the Troop be full: but the Commanding Officer will have much Pleasure in accommodating Gentlemen who wish to exchange their Troops, if their Horses are suitable.

XVII.

THERE are no non-commissioned Officers in the Light-Horse Volunteers; but the Captain of every Troop fixes upon eight of the Gentlemen in it, whom he considers fittest for that Duty, and returns them to the Commanding Officer. These are placed on the Flanks, and on the Right and Left of Subdivisions;

sions; and failing the Officer, they take the Command in Action, according to the Priority of their Numbers in the Corps.

XVIII.

It was originally understood, that the Corps should not be put to the Expence of full Dress Uniforms; but it was soon found that they were necessary on some Occasions, and accordingly a Resolution passed unanimously, at a General Meeting of the Tenth of *December* 1794, to the following Purport: *viz.*

"That the Officers may provide "themselves, at their own Expence, "with long Coats, &c. to be worn "only at Court, or on Occasions where "they

" they cannot avoid appearing in the " full uniform of the Corps."

XIX.

When the Officers had the Honour of being presented to the King and Queen, by his Grace the Duke of Portland, he obligingly offered to present any LIGHT-HORSE VOLUNTEER who should signify such a Wish to him through the Lieutenant Colonel Commandant; and it was upon this Resolved ——

" That there being many Gentle-
" men of the Corps who habitually
" go to Court, and others, whose
" Situation in Life may render it de-
" sirable for them to be presented,
" the Committee are of Opinion, that
" it

" it ought to be in the Dress Uniform
" of the Corps; which every Gentle-
" man who chooses it, is at liberty to
" provide himself with, subject to
" the Restrictions above quoted."

EVERY Gentleman who chooses to wear the full Dress uniform of the Corps, will please to apply for

Long Coat, &c. to Mr. WALLACE, *Bedford-Street.*

Regimental Hat, to Mr. OLIPHANT, *Cockspur-Street.*

Dress Sword, Belt, and Sword Knot, to Mr. KNUBLEY and Co. *Charing Cross.*

And wear a Black Velvet Stock, with narrow Turnover, Hair queued six Inches long, Silk Rosette, Shirt with plain Ruffles, Silk Stockings, Shoes, and Silver Buckles. Any Gentleman, who

who pleases, may also wear a Cockade in his Hat, or order his Servants to do so.

XX.

In order that the Commanding Officer may know how to form the Corps on a Field Day, such Gentlemen as cannot attend, are to send Notice by Letter, to the Captain of their Troop the preceding Day, before the Hour of Six in the Afternoon. The Roll is to be called every Field-Day; and the Names of Absentees to be given to the Adjutant; who after comparing them with the Secretary's List of Notices, must give in an account of them regularly to the Commanding Officer, by whom the same is to be submitted to the next General

General Meeting for their Consideration.

XXI.

It is also a standing Regulation of the Corps, that every Gentleman shall make a Point of Honour of attending, at least one Drill Day in the Week, till he has received a Certificate from the Commanding Officer, or Adjutant, of his Competence for Service in the Field; after which his Attendance at Drills shall be optional.

XXII.

The spare Horses belonging to the Corps are under the Direction of the Adjutant, and are to be given only to such Gentlemen as have Horses for their Use in the Corps; they must explain

plain to the Adjutant, when they make Application for them, by what Means their own are unfit for Service.

XXIII.

THE Annual Subscriptions by Gentlemen elected, between the first of *January* and the first of *April*, are payable on the first of *April* in every subsequent Year; by those elected between the first of *April* and the first of *July*, on the first of *July*; by those elected between the first of *July* and the first of *October*, on the first of *October*; and by those elected between the first of *October* and the first of *January*, on the first of *January*; and if any Gentleman is more than three Months in Arrear, he will be reported to a General meeting.

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EVERY Gentleman must have the Number which he bears in the Corps engraved on his Bridle and Stirrups, and marked on all his Furniture.

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GENTLEMEN desirous of becoming L. H. V. but who from Circumstances cannot immediately join, may be ballotted for as Honorary Members, and if elected, will be intitled to the following Privileges, upon paying the annual Subscription of Ten Guineas, *viz.* Learning to Ride, Fence, and use the Broad Sword, *gratis*; keeping a Horse at the Corps' Stables, if they are not filled with the Horses of effective Members; and

and having the Option of becoming effective at any Time when there is a Vacancy, on giving Notice to the Commanding Officer, that he may apply for his Majesty's Approbation.

XXVI.

As a Forge has been erected in *Worship-street*, and approved Farriers, in the Pay of the Corps, placed in it, every Gentleman's Horse, which stands at those Stables, will be shod there, in the Manner best adapted to his Feet, and at the usual Prices, unless the Owner gives contrary Orders; and every Member may send his Horse to be shod at the Forge, though it should not stand at the Stables.

The Hussar-Jackets, with Waist-belts, to be henceforward considered as the Uniform of the Corps; and every Gentleman is to appear in them on Duty, and on Field-Days.

Every Gentleman shall be at Liberty to wear the old Uniform on Drill-Days; and when it is worn out, he is requested to deface it before it is parted with.

No Gentleman shall mount at the Drill except in Uniform, or in a White Jacket and Watering-Cap, as it is desirable to be in the Field as often as possible, and that cannot be with Propriety in coloured Clothes.

To save Printing, Porterage, &c. all the temporary Regulations by the Committee, or by the Commanding Officer, shall be inserted in the orderly Books at the Office, and at the different Stables; and every Gentleman is requested to inspect them frequently.—Every Gentleman will be pleased to put down his Name in the Roll-Book, on his arrival at the Riding-House on Drill-Days, or when called out on Duty.

One Non-Commissioned Officer from every Troop is to attend the Drills for the Purpose of teaching Recruits, and it is recommended to them to take this Duty in Monthly Rotation, in the Order in which they stand on the List sent to them.

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To avoid the Inconvenience of calling out the whole Corps, when only Twenty or Thirty Gentlemen are wanted for any particular Service, it shall henceforward be a standing Regulation, that the Orderly Officer shall furnish that Number from the Troop to which he belongs; and if so many of that Troop are not then in Town, that he shall make up the Deficiency from the Squadron to which he belongs. For this Purpose it will become part of his Duty to know at all Times what Number of Gentlemen belonging to that Squadron are in Town, that he may order the Secretary to summon them when required so to do.

A RANGE of Stables with numerous

Conveniences, has been engaged in *Gray's-Inn-Lane*, nearly contiguous to those before occupied by the Corps; to which has been added a Forge on the same Principle, and subject to the same Conditions, as that in *Worship-Street*.

A List of the Stable Committee will be left at the Orderly Room, 194, *Strand*, with a Book for the Insertion of any Observation or Complaint which any Gentleman may think proper to make.

Every Gentleman reported to the Commanding Officer as *present and fit for Service*, who shall be absent at Roll Call, on Duty, or on Field Days, shall forfeit the Sum of *Five Shillings* for each

each Time, unless he shall have sent previous Notice to the Captain of the Troop to which he belongs; or shall in the Course of that Day state to the Secretary, for the Information of the Committee, the Cause of his Non-Attendance.

It is considered to be inconsistent with our Institution to contribute, *in the Name of the Corps*, to any public or private Subscription, every Gentleman having an Opportunity of contributing in his individual Capacity according to his Inclination and Abilities.

The Establishment at Mr. Hall's Stables, in *Hamilton-Street*, *Hyde-Park-Corner*, where the Corps have Twenty-

five Stalls at their Disposal, is put under the following Regulations:

A HEAD-GROOM, *Ralph Pigge*, is appointed to attend to the Care and Feeding of the Horses, with the regular Number of Assistants under him.

ANY Gentleman who prefers to have his Horse broke there, instead of sending him to the proper Stables of the Corps in *Worship-Street* and *Gray's-Inn-Lane*, will be charged One Guinea and a Half extra.

EVERY L. H. V. is allowed to have One Horse, and every Officer Two, at HALL's Stables, on the present Establishment of 12*s*. 10*d*. per Week, not exceeding

exceeding in the whole the fixed Number of Twenty-five; and Mr. HALL handsomely gives the Use of his Riding-House every *Thursday* for Drilling.

A VETERINARY Surgeon being attached to all Regiments of Cavalry, and Mr. HARRISON, late in the 16th Light Dragoons, properly qualified for that Situation, and who has other Reasons for residing in *London*, has been engaged at £ 50. *per Annum*, to attend all the Stables twice a Week, or oftener if called in; to prescribe for such Horses as Gentlemen may put under his Care (the Medicines being paid for by them); assist in carrying into Effect the Regulations made for the different Forges; and

and give Advice in all Cases of Accident or Sickness.

THE Principal Riding Master at each of the Stables shall make a Weekly Report to the Adjutant, and he Monthly to the Commanding Officer, of such Horses as are properly broke, and fit for Service, and no Horse that is not thus favourably reported shall be allowed to join the Ranks on a Field-Day or on Duty; the Orderly Officer shall also be instructed to prevent raw, kicking, or unruly Horses to join in the Drill, in order to prevent Accidents, and to induce Gentlemen to get their Horses properly broke, and kept in Exercise at the Corps Stables.

IN CONSEQUENCE OF HIS MAJESTY'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER OF THE LIGHT-HORSE VOLUNTEERS, TO ADD ONE, TWO, OR THREE COMPANIES OF INFANTRY TO THE CORPS, AND OF COL. HERRIES'S REPORT OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH THE DUKE OF PORTLAND ON THAT SUBJECT—

RESOLVED, That this addition to the Corps, instead of being denominated *Infantry*, shall be called *Dismounted Cavalry*, and consist of One Hundred and Fifty Gentlemen, forming the Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth Troops of L. H. V. without any Distinction in Rules, Regulations, Dress, or Accoutrements, except such as may be necessary for carrying, in lieu of Pistols and Swords, Carbines or Riffles, with

with long Bayonets to serve as side Arms, and by acting as Infantry will be freed from the Expence of Horse Keeping.

THAT they shall nevertheless have the Privilege of keeping their Horses at the Stables of the Corps when not filled by those of the Mounted Troops, and also of learning Riding, Fencing, and the Use of the Broad Sword.

That in Case of a Vacancy in the Mounted Troops, any Gentleman in the Dismounted Troops so inclined, shall have the Liberty of filling it in Preference to any Volunteer that may be proposed; and that this Indulgence shall be Reciprocal when the Troops

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of Dismounted Cavalry are complete.

THAT the Mode of Election hitherto practised shall be strictly adhered to; but that no General Meeting shall be called to chuse Committee-Men and Officers, till the respective Troops for which they are to be elected shall be complete, to the Number of Fifty-three.

THAT no Gentleman can be admitted under Five Feet Six Inches, unless of an Age soon to reach that Standard.

THAT Carriages, to be called *Expeditions*, shall be provided at the general Expence,

Expence, according to the Model produced by Mr. Godsall, and that Mr. Hall shall provide Horses for them also at the general Expence; but in Case of Difficulty in that Respect, the Coach Horses of such of the L. H. V. as have already offered, or may hereafter offer them, shall be held at the Disposal of the Adjutant, on Two Hours Notice, and a List of them kept by the Secretary for that Purpose.

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